THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, the team constituted by Department of agriculture & Co-operation mentioned in its report that "the centre at palode could be raised to the status of a National Research Centre for oil Palm".

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research set up a Committee for selection of a suitable site for establishment of National Research Centre for oil Palm in any of the States having maximum potential area for oil Palm.

Renewal of NRI passports

4846. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link the renewal of No-resident Indian passports with their investment in India, a certain percentage of their annual earnings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Security Personnel killed in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir

4847. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of security personnel beloging to the Indian Police Service (IPS), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security force (BSF) and other Central agencies killed in Punjab and Jammu and Kshmir during 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992 so far;

(b) the number of family members of those killed who have been provided Government service;

(c) the details of facilities provided to the dependents of those killed; and

(d) the steps being taken for the safety of the security personnel deployed in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Visit of Aslawatch Team

4848. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a foreign body Asia Watch sent its team to Jammu and Kashmir without informing the Ministry of External Affairs. the Ministry of Home Affairs or the Government of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted to find out the circumstancs under which the team could visit Jammu and Kashmir and record statements of people against the country;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OIF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). Two persons who appeared to have prepared the report of Asia Watch released in may, 1991, reportedly had visited Kashmir Valley as individuals, for which there was no restriction.

Representation at World Urdu Conference

4849. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India was represented at the World urdu Conferecine held on meureitus in December, 1991;

(b) if so, the names of the Indian participants;

(c) whether the participants were invisted inddiviually or whether the Government or any organization in India was invited to select the participants;

(d) whether any expenditure was incurred directly or indirectly by the Government on the participation;

(e) if so, the amount thereof; and

(f) the text of the official Statement declaration or resoultion of the conference?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The names are at statement attached.

While the participants were invisted directly by the organisers, the ICCR provided some assistance, ncluding on international air fares, freight and honorarium.

(d) and (e). An expenditure of Rs. 4, 22, 051.00 was incurred by ICCR for the purpose.

(f) The conference passed only one resolution, which was adopted unanimously. This was to thank the Government of Mauritius for holding the conference and for the excellent hospitality extended to all delegates.

STATEMENT

1. Shri Mohd. Shafi Qureshi, Governor of Bihar and leader of the delegation.
2. Smt. girija Vyas, minister of State for information and broadcasing , Government of India.
3. prof. Javed Khan, minister of Housing, Govt. of Maharshtra.
4. Shri Bekal Utsahi, MP
5. Shri Saiyid Hamid, Former vice-Chancellor, Aligrah Muslim University.
6. Prof. Gopi Chand narang. professor of urdu, Delhi University.
7. Prof. Ishtiaq Abidi, Secretary, Urdu Acadamy, Delhi.
8. Dr. Akhlaq Asar, Reader, Department of Urdu, Regional College of Education, Bhopal.
9. Begum habi bullce, Secretary, Indian Council for Child Welfare.
10. Dr. Khaliq Anjum, Secretary, Anjum Tariqqi urdu Hind, Delhi.